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Postal Regulatory Commission  
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RE: Appeal to Final Determination  
East Camden, Arkansas Post Office  
Docket Number 1438579-71701

Dear Ms. Goldway:

Please consider this a formal appeal to the Final Determination to close the East Camden Branch Post Office – Docket Number 1438579-71701. The East Camden Post Office Branch services the Highland Industrial Park where weekly salaries rank highest in Arkansas and 47<sup>th</sup> highest in our nation. Highland Industrial Park is also home to four fortune five hundred companies such as Lockheed Martin, Aerojet, General Dynamics and Raytheon Missile Systems which employ 2500 to 3500 people.

East Camden was the only city in Ouachita County and surrounding counties that experienced growth in the last census taken by the United States Government. A major increase in population is expected with the completion of an ongoing development project which will include a 250 luxury apartment complex, four star hotel, retail center, six screen movie theater and gated housing community. Construction of this 103 acre project began earlier this year and is expected to be completed by the end of 2012.

In reviewing your "Responsiveness to Community Postal Needs", I found the following discrepancies that need to be addressed and corrected:

1. The Camden Post Office is not located 4 miles from the East Camden branch as stated in the determination. Instead, it is 7.9 miles away.
2. The meeting on April 25, 2011 referred to in the final determination was not properly posted. Had it been properly posted, many members of our community, including elected officials, would have attended to voice their objections. Had I received notice of the meeting I, as Mayor of East Camden, would have attended along with many others.

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3. The determination states that East Camden is an unincorporated city. This is incorrect. East Camden is an incorporated city of the second class in the State of Arkansas. Police protection is provided by the East Camden Police Department., not the Camden Police Department. Fire Protection is provided by the East Camden Fire Department, not the Camden Fire Department as stated in the determination.

4. East Camden is not a commuter community, but rather an incorporated city with approximately 931 residents.

Your determination to close the East Camden will adversely affect many residents, businesses and an institution of higher education. We would ask that you reconsider your determination since the information which you were furnished contained many errors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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